



The “urban” environment offered by MUTC offers excellent training opportunities necessary for contemporary response to a variety of homeland security and military operations all at one location. MUTC, which can accommodate up to 2,500 individuals for an event, will benefit civilian and military organizations such as:

- Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force and Special Operations Forces
- Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Personnel
- Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies
- State Departments of Health
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- National Civil Air Patrol
- Civil Support Teams
- Federal and State Department of Homeland Security
- Public Safety Training Institutes
- State Departments of Correction



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MUSCATATUCK URBAN TRAINING CENTER

A CONCEPT FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY LIVING LABORATORY

The acts of terrorism, which occurred on September 11, 2001, and subsequent world events have forever changed the manner in which first responders in the United States must be prepared to respond. Urban areas around the nation are high profile targets and present many unique challenges to first responder preparedness activities. The urban area is perfect for hostage-taking, kidnapping, biological releases, and other forms of terrorist attack. In the post 9/11 environment more than ever, soldiers and civilians need opportunities to learn, train and evaluate their procedures in realistic urban environments.



In 2004, the Muscatatuck State Developmental Center closed. At the time of closure, the center nearly mirrored a small town. In addition to 70 buildings on 1,000 acres, the center also includes a water treatment plant, a wastewater treatment plant, powerhouse, 180-acre reservoir and an underground utility tunnel system that connects 90% of the buildings on the installation.



In late 2004, the Indiana National Guard took possession of the center and started development of the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center (MUTC). The Guard will transform the center into a full-immersion, contemporary urban environment thereby providing a unique opportunity for civilian and military personnel to train and evaluate their preparedness procedures in a realistic urban environment.

MUTC: AN ASSET AT HOME AND ABROAD

The training and exercise potential for civilian and military personnel at MUTC is tremendous. Indiana public safety and response organizations use the center on a routine basis, including training for special events and riots for SWAT teams. In addition, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), in conjunction with the Indiana National Guard, conducted two Military Support to Civil Authorities full-scale exercises at MUTC.

The MUTC offers IDHS the opportunity to deliver specialized training previously unavailable in the state or on a limited basis.

Training and exercise courses for MUTC by IDHS' Indiana Homeland Security Training Institute include:

- Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP)
- Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Operations
- Hospital Emergency Response to Terrorism or Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Hospital Leadership
- Integrated Emergency Management

Future courses currently under development for MUTC by IDHS include:

- Various Search and Rescue (including K-9 Teams)
- Mass Casualty and Mass Fatality Response
- Establishing and Operating Mass Prophylaxis Sites



Additionally, over 80 courses available through the ODP, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (U.S. DHS) specifically addressing Weapons of Mass Destruction training and plans include the use of MUTC for a variety of local, district, statewide and national exercises. The center's joint training capability will aid the U.S. DHS in attaining its strategic directive to achieve and sustain national preparedness.